THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

WRIT PETITION No.2313 of 2007

Date: 08.02.2007

Between:

Sri Venkateswara Rice Mill.

....Petitioner

And

Eastern Power Distribution Company of A.P. Ltd., Visakhapatnam, rep. By its Chairman & M.D. and others.

....Respondents

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O R D E R:

Petitioner is a rice mill at Bengapurdi Village and it is being provided with power supply through S.C.No.227. It is stated that on account of the acute power cuts imposed by the respondents, it is not being operated properly. It is further stated that on coming to know that there exists a scheme for providing separate lines for supplying uninterrupted power, subject to certain conditions, the petitioner has made an application to the respondent on 23.11.2006. The grievance of the petitioner is that no action has been taken thereon.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Standing Counsel for the respondent.

The petitioner intended to avail the benefit of the scheme evolved by the respondents, for providing uninterrupted power supply to industrial

undertakings, subject to the conditions imposed therein. The application of the petitioner is said to have been made on 23.11.2005. Almost one and half years have elapsed. In case, the respondents are of the view that the petitioner has to comply with any conditions, for availing the benefit, they are under obligation to inform the same to the petitioner. Similarly, if it is not feasible for any reason, to accede to the request of the petitioner, the same ought to have been communicated to the petitioner. The grievance of the petitioner stands justified, particularly when it is alleged that the benefit under the scheme was extended to the nearby rice mills.

For the foregoing reasons, the Writ Petition is disposed of, directing the respondents to take necessary action on the application, dated 23.11.2005, said to have been made by the petitioner, for extending 24 hours power supply, within four (4) weeks from today, duly intimating the conditions, if any, to be complied with by the petitioner. There shall be no order as to costs.

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08.02.2007

Note: Issue C.C. in three days.

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